after meeting the requirements of defence forces. The value of production for defence by the defence POUs has also been steadily increasing.

(d) DRDO is primarily engaged in design and development of equipment for the armed forces. A wide range of such items has been productionised by the defence production units.

Use of IAF aircraft by Minister of State

394. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the print media of 4th July, 1994 about the misuse of IAF's aircraft by the Minister of State for Defence to Jammu;

(b) if so, how many persons travelled in that aircraft and what are the details thereof;

(c) what was the purpose for the Minister to travel to Jammu on that day; and

(d) the steps taken to check the misuse of IAF's aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Government have seen the news item.

(b) Raksha Rajya Mantri was accompanied by three Government servants of other Ministries who were on duty and four non-officials. Full payment of fare in respect of the non-officials has already been received, at the prescribed rates.

(c) RKM had undertaken the visit for urgent and important discussions with the GOC-in-C, Northern Command, GOC 16 Corps and other senior Army personnel regarding Army assistance to civil authorities in Doda.

(d) As per Ministry of Defence O.M. No. F. 7(6)/80/D (Air. II) dated 6-1-81, in case of non-entitled personnel travelling with the RRM, recoveries will be made at the rate of normal commercial air-fare, if the two Stations are connected by regular commercial air service and, in other cases, on the basis of rates per passenger per kilometre worked out by the Directorate of Accounts, Air HQrs, by taking into account the prescribed recovery rates. Payment at the prescribed rates under the Rules has been fully received. There has been no misuse of the aircraft.

Outlets for products from Ordinance factories

395. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the products of the Ordnance factories are proposed to be made available in the markets and if so, the names of the products;

(b) what was the export value of Ordnance factories in 1992, 1993 and 1994 and the names of countries importing Indian Ordnance items; and

(c) what is the value of ordnance goods sold for civilian use in 1992, 1993 and so far in 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) With a view to utilising production capacities in ordinance factories (after fully meeting the requirements of the defence forces) and thereby raising their productivity and lowering costs, the Governments has been promoting their diversification to customers other than the defence forces. The products so sold include arms and ammunition, items etc. for para military and police forces and a wide range of castings, forgings, chemicals, commercial explosives etc. for other civilian customers.